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1. ON AUGUST 17 (EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY) WE RELAYED PROPOSAL FOR FINANCING AUB STUDENTS OUT OF AID REFUGEE RELIEF FUNDS AS OUT-LINED REFTEL TO SCHOLARSHIP BOARD'S MRS SOULIOTI. SHE HAD HAD UN-OFFICIAL ADVANCE INDICATION OF PROPOSAL AND SAID SHE COULD SPEAK DEFINITELY. THE GOC, SHE SAID, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THIS AS A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. REFUGEE RELIEF FUNDS AS PROVIDED BY AID ARE FOR SPECIFIC NEEDS ARE ARE CONSCIENTIOUSLY EXPENDED. TO CUT INTO THESE FUNDS FOR AN UNRELATED PURPOSE WOULD BE TO DENIGRATE THE GOC'S ENTIRE REFUGEE PROGRAM.

2. AN ANCILLARY DIFFICULTY, WHICH SHE FELT CAPPED THE GOC POSITION, IS THAT UNHCR, WHICH ADMINISTERS ALL REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAMS IN CYPRUS, WOULD HAVE NO MEANS OF WORKING A UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAM INTO ITS FRAMEWORK OF FINITE PROJECTS WITH SIX-MONTH COMPLETION DEADLINES AND INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS. UNHCR WOULD THEREFORE ALSO FIND THE PROPOSAL UNACCEPTABLE.

3. SHE REGRETTEED THAT SHE COULD MAKE NO COUNTER-PROPOSALS. HER VIEW, WHICH SHE CHARACTERIZED AS THAT OF THE GOC, THE STUDENTS INVOLVED AND (ULTIMATELY) OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, IS ONE FIRMLY BASED IN LOGIC: X FUNDS FOR THE EDUCATION OF 37 STUDENTS WERE ONCE EARMARKED (WHETHER TO HELP AUB OR CYPRUS IS IRRELEVANT).

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SINCE AUB WILL NOT BE USING THE FUNDS, THEY MUST STILL EXIST

"SOMEWHERE". WHILE BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS CAN BE FORMIDABLE, IT SHOULD NEVERTHELESS BE POSSIBLE TO FIND A WAY OF APPLYING THESE FUNDS FOR THE ORIGINAL BENEFICIARIES. THE USG, HAVING HEAVILY INFLUENCED THE EDUCATIONAL DESTINY OF THESE STUDENTS, CANNOT SIMPLY ABANDON THEM WITH A DISCLAIMER OF LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY; THE ISSUE IS NOT A LEGAL BUT A POLITICAL ONE, SHE SAID.

4. EMBOFFS STRESSED THAT USG IS DOING ALL IT CAN WITHIN CONSTRAINTS OF EXISTING LEGISLATION TO FIND ASSISTANCE FOR AUB STUDENTS. PER REFTEL, WE POINTED OUT THAT USG HAS NO INHERENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONGOING EDUCATION OF STUDENTS BECAUSE THEY HAPPEN TO BE ATTENDING AUB. WE DID AGREE TO CONVEY SOULIOTI'S VIEWS AS STATED PARA THREE ABOVE TO WASHINGTON. WE ALSO GAVE HER ADDRESS OF NEW YORK ARCHBISHOPRIC, NOTING THAT THIS DEMONSTRATED THAT DEPT IS WORKING HARD AND IN GOOD FAITH TO FIND A SOLUTION. SHE AGREED AND SAID SHE WOULD PASS THE INFORMATION ON TO STUDENTS, BUT SHE DID NOT INTEND TO RECOMMEND THAT THEY MAKE APPROACH TO PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.

5. SHE SAID SHE HAD INFORMED CYPRIOT EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OF PROBLEM BUT HAD NO INDICATION YET OF ACTIVITY BY DEMETRIOU. MEANWHILE SHE SAID SHE HAD COUNSELLED PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING TO THE STUDENT DELEGATIONS WHO HAVE SEEN HER. SHE FELT THEY HAVE BEHAVED WELL SO FAR.

6. BREAKDOWN OF 37 STUDENTS IS 29 GREEK ORTHODOX, EIGHT TURKISH MUSLIMS.

7. COMMENT: HAVING HARPED ON THIS POINT ALL ALONG, EMBASSY AGREES WITH SOULIOTI THAT ISSUE WILL BE SEEN HERE AS ONE OF MORALITY AND MOTIVE, AND WILL BECOME A PROBLEM OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND OF POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS. IT WILL NOT HINGE ON WHETHER WE ARE LEGALLY OFF THE HOOK. FURTHER, THOUGH REFTEL RULES OUT SPECIAL APPROACH TO CONGRESS, CYPRIOTS HAVE READY CHANNEL TO SYMPATHETIC US CONGRESSMEN AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO HIT UPON THIS MEANS EVENTUALLY.  
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